

I LOVE A MYSTERY

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1/16/39 – 9/29/39, Fleischmann, NBC – West Coast, 5t, 15m, 3:15 PST
10/2/39 – 3/29/40, Fleischmann, NBC, 5t, 15m, 7:15 pm
4/4/40 – 6/27/40, Fleischmann, NBC, Thu, 30m, 8:30 pm
9/30/40 – 6/30/41; 10/6/41 – 6/29/42, Fleischmann, Bl, Mon, 30m, 8 pm
3/22/43 – 12/29/44, Ivory and Oxydol, CBS, 5t, 15m, 7 pm
10/3/49 – 12/26/52, Sus, Mut, 5t, 15m

Cast: Jack Packard by Michael Raffetto; Doc Long by Barton Yarborough; Reggie York by Walter Paterson; Jerry (Jerri) Booker by Gloria Blondell as of 3/10/41

<u># of Episodes</u>	<u>Starting Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Shows in Circulation</u>
15	1/16 – 2/3/39	The Roxy Gangsters (The Case of the Roxy Mob)	3rd episode (1/18/39)
15	2/6 – 2/24/39	Death Aboard the Lady Mary (Trouble at Sea)	
25	2/27 – 3/31/39	Case of the Nevada Cougar, The (The Case of the Nevada Man Killer)	
20	4/3 – 4/28/39	Mystery of the Lazy K Ranch, The (The Turn of the Wheel)	
15	5/1 – 5/19/39	Strange Affair At Sandy Spring Sanitarium (Whose Body Got Buried)	
15	5/22 – 6/9/39	The Texas Border Smugglers (The Escape of the Desert Hog)	
15	6/12 – 6/30/39	El Paso, Texas Murders, The (Blood on the Border)	
15	7/3 - 7/21/39	Flight to Death*	
15	7/24 – 8/11/39	Murder, Hollywood Style*	
15	8/14 - 9/1/39	Incident Concerning Death*	
18	9/6 – 9/29/39	Yolo County/Battle of the Century (Battle of the Century)	

15	10/2 – 10/20/39	The Blue Phantom (The Blue Phantom Murders)	
20	10/23 – 11/17/39	Castle Island (The Fear That Creeps Like a Cat)	
15	11/20 – 12/8/39	Hollywood Cherry (The Thing That Creeps Like a Cat)	
15	12/11 – 12/29/39	Bury Your Dead, Arizona	
15	1/1 – 1/19/40	The San Diego Murders (The Richard's Curse)	8th episode (1/10/40)
20	1/22 – 2/16/40	Temple of the Vampires (Temple of Vampires)	2-min. air check (2/15/40)
15	2/19 – 3/8/40	The Brooks Kidnapping*	

- 15 3/11 – 3/29/40 Murder in Turquoise Pass*
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- 13 4/4/40 – 6/27/40 The Snake with the Diamond Eyes 4/11/40 (first 6 min.)
6/13/40
(This story was done as 26 quarter-hour episodes on Mutual in 1950. Valse Triste was first used as the theme and it was the first story whose title was announced on the air.)
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- 13 9/30 – 12/30/40 The Tropics Don't Call it Murder Last 1/2 of 8; First 1/2 of 10th, 11th episodes
(The Tropics Taste Murder)
- 9 1/6 – 3/3/41 The Case of the Transplanted Castle
- 9 3/10 – 5/5/41 Murder on February Island (Jerry Booker first introduced)
- 8 5/12 – 6/30/41 Eight Kinds of Murder (A-1 Detective Agency established) 6/30/41
- 7/7/41 – 9/29/41 (off the air)
- 8 10/6 – 11/24/41 The Monster in the Mansion 2 1/2-shows; last 1/2 of ep. 6; 1st 1/2 of ep. 5
12/1/41; 12/8/41
- 10 12/1/41 – 2/2/42 Secret Passage to Death
- 9 2/9 – 4/6/42 Terror of Frozen-Corpse Lodge
- 12 4/13 – 6/29/42 The Pirate Loot of the Island of the Skulls 4 episodes; 4/20 (last half); 5/25; 6/1, 6/15 (last half)
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Cast: Jack by Michael Raffetto until May 15, 1944; Jay Novello until 8/21/44; John McIntire from 8/22/44; Doc by Barton Yarborough until May 15, 1944; Forrest Lewis eventually took his place as Michael, a Viennese sleuth; with death of Walter Paterson, Reggie not in rest of scripts; Jerry Booker was played by Gloria Blondell until the end of 1943; Cathy Lewis soon took her place as secretary, Mary Kay.

The date of death of Walter Paterson is Wednesday, September 2, 1942 at the age of 31. The last episode in which he spoke was the 2/2/42 episode of Secret Passage to Death. The last reference to Reggie was made on 5/7/43 in the last episode of Blood on the Cat. Jerry Booker often took Reggie's place after that until the end of 1943.

Other continuing characters were Michael played by Forrest Lewis in 3 stories in 1944; Terry Burke played by Forrest Lewis in at least 4 of the last seven stories of the original run. Also appearing were Mercedes McCambridge, Jay Novello and Richard LeGrande.

15	3/22 – 4/9/43	The Girl in the Gilded Cage	7th episode (3/30)
20	4/12 – 5/7/43	Blood on the Cat	
20	5/10 – 6/4/43	The Killer of Circle M	
30	6/7 – 7/16/43	Stairway to the Sun (The Island in the Sky)	
15	7/19 – 8/6/43	The Graves of Whamperjaw, Texas*	
15	8/9 – 8/27/43	Murder is the Word for It*	
25	8/30 – 10/1/43	The Decapitation of Jefferson Monk	
25	10/4 – 11/5/43	My Beloved is a Vampire	
20	11/8 – 12/3/43	The Hermit of San Felipe, Atabapo	11th episode; 11/22/43)
15	12/6 – 12/24/43	The Deadly Sin of Sir Richard Coyle	
44	12/27 – 2/25/44	The Twenty Traitors of Timbuktu	
20	2/28 – 3/24/44	The Fear That Creeps Like a Cat* (African Jungle Mystery)	
20	3/27 – 4/21/44	The Widow with the Amputation	
15	4/24 – 5/12/44	I am the Destroyer of Women	5/12/44
15	5/15 – 6/2/44	You Can't Pin a Murder on Nevada	12th episode (5/30/44)
5	6/5 – 6/9/44	The Corpse in Compartment C, Car 76	
19	6/13 – 7/7/44	The Thing Wouldn't Die	
21	7/10 – 8/7/44	The Case of the Terrified Comedian*	
10	8/8 – 8/21/44	The Man Who Hated to Shave*	
20	8/22 – 9/18/44	Temple of the Vampires*	
15	9/19 – 10/9/44	The Bride of the Werewolf	
23	10/10 – 11/9/44	The Monster in the Mansion*	
20	11/10 – 12/7/44	Portrait of a Murderess	
16	12/8 – 12/29/44	Find Elsa Holberg, Dead of Alive	

This is the end of the original series

All episodes with an asterisk (*) mean that no original script was found; information was gathered by inference from other scripts and sources.

Murder in Turquoise Pass is a rewrite of The Case of the Nevada Killer; the African Jungle Mystery is a rewrite of Castle Island;

No episodes broadcast on 9/4 and 9/5/39; 11/4/40; 12/31/43; 6/12/44

Cast: Jack by Russell Thorson until October 28, 1952; Bob Dryden after that; Doc by Jim Boles; Reggie by Tony Randall until 6/12/51; Reggie not in rest of scripts; Jerry Booker by Athena Lord (wife of Jim Boles); Booker not in scripts from 4/14/52; new secretary (Mary Kay Brown) also played by Athena Lord.

Supporting players included Mercedes McCambridge, Luis van Rooten and Inga Adams

All stories except one were in the original series

20	10/3 – 10/28/49	The Fear That Creeps Like a Cat	2 episodes (10/3; 10/5)
15	10/31 – 11/18/49	The Thing That Cries in the Night (Faith, Hope and Charity)	Complete run
15	11/21 – 12/9/49	Bury Your Dead, Arizona	Complete run
15	12/12 – 12/30/49	The (Richard) Million Dollar Curse	Complete except for episode #10
20	1/2 – 1/27/50	Temple of the Vampires	11 episodes (#1 – 7, 16, 17, 19, 20)
18	1/30 – 2/22/50	Battle of the Century	14 episodes (#1 – 4, 7 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 18)
26	2/23 – 3/30/50	The Tropics Don't Call it Murder	1 episode (3/30)
25	3/31 – 5/4/50	The Case of the Nevada Man Killer	2 episodes (4/20, 4/27)
20	5/5 – 6/1/50	The Turn of the Wheel (Who is Gregory Marks)	
15	6/2 – 6/22/50	The Blue Phantom Murders	the episode usually listed is probably 3/30/50
26	6/23 – 7/28/50	The Snake with the Diamond Eyes	1 episode (7/27)
15	7/31 – 8/18/50	Flight to Death	
15	8/21 – 9/8/50	Murder in Turquoise Pass	3 episodes (8/22/50, 8/30/8/31)
15	9/11 – 9/29/50	Whose Body Got Buried?	
15	10/2 – 10/20/50	Escapade of the Desert Hag	
15	10/23 – 11/10/50	Blood on the Border	
12	11/13 – 11/28/50	Trouble at Sea	
15	11/29 – 12/19/50	Incident Concerning Death	1 episode (12/12/50)
14	12/20/50 – 1/8/51	The Case of the Roxy Mob	Episode usually listed is probably 1/18/39
18	1/9 – 2/1/51	The Case of the Transplanted Castle	
18	2/2 – 2/27/51	Murder on February Island	
23	2/28 – 3/30/51	The Monster in the Mansion	
16	4/2 – 4/23/51	Eight Kinds of Murder	
20	4/24 – 5/21/51	Secret Passage to Death	Episode usually listed is probably 12/1/41
18	5/22 – 6/14/51	Terror of Frozen-Corpse Lodge	
24	6/15 – 7/18/51	The Pirate Loot of the Island of the Skulls	
15	7/19 – 8/8/51	Brooks Kidnapping, The	
15	8/9 – 8/29/51	Murder Hollywood Style	
15	8/30 – 9/19/51	The Girl in the Gilded Cage	
20	9/20 – 10/17/51	Blood on the Cat	
21	10/18 – 11/16/51	The Case of the Terrified Comedian	
20	11/19 – 12/14/51	The Killer of the Circle M	2 episodes (11/30; 12/3)
15	12/17/51 – 1/4/52	Murder is the Word for It	2 episodes (12/20/51; 1/4/52)
30	1/7 – 2/15/52	Stairway to the Sun	

15	2/18 – 3/7/52	The Graves of Whamperjaw, Texas	2 episodes (2/27; 2/28)
25	3/10 – 4/11/52	The Decapitation of Jefferson Monk	
25	4/14 – 5/16/52	My Beloved is a Vampire	1 episode (5/16)
20	5/19 – 6/13/52	The Hermit of San Felipe, Atabapo	13 episodes (some partial) (#1, 3 – 8, 11, 12, 16 – 18, 20)
15	6/16 – 7/4/52	The Deadly Sin of Sir Richard Coyle	
10	7/7 – 7/18/52	The Man Who Hated to Shave	
20	7/21 – 8/15/52	The African Jungle Mystery (Fear That Creeps Like a Cat)	
10	8/18/52 – 8/29/52	(Off the air)	
20	9/1 – 9/26/52	The Cobra King Strikes Back (adapted from Adventures By Morse)	
20	9/30 – 10/27/52	The Widow With the Amputation	
15	10/28 – 11/19/52	I Am the Destroyer of Women	2 episode (11/17; 11/18)
15	11/20 – 12/10/52	The Bride of the Werewolf	1 episode (12/5)
12	12/11 – 12/26	Find Elsa Holberg, Dead or Alive	

No episodes were broadcast on 11/15/51; 11/4/52; 11/7/52

On 5/21/45 a half hour audition program was made with Jack and Doc. The title is "But Grandma, What Big Teeth You Have." Regular cast

On 5/11/54 at least 3 episodes of Million Dollar Curse (Audition) were made with Parley Baer as Doc, Ben Wright as Reggie and Russell Thorson as Jack.

Radio Guide says 4/4/40 starts a new series, formerly on Monday – Friday. There is no indication of a sponsor.

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Additional information is being added constantly by an ever growing ILAM internet group headed by Charlie Summers. Contact him <charlie@lofcom.com>. Many of the episodes from 1/16/39 – 4/1/40 had different titles when they were on Mutual. They are indicated by ().

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